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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/743,479

Applicants: Manabu SUHARA, et al.

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For: LITHIUM-COBALT COMPOSITE OXIDE, PROCESS FOR ITS PRODUCTION, POSITIVE ELECTRODE FOR LITHIUM SECONDARY CELL EMPLOYING

IT, AND LITHIUM SECONDARY CELL

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Status Request for First Office Action (in duplicate)

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FIRST OFFICE ACTION STATUS REQUEST

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Sir:

The Patent Office is respectfully requested to inform the undersigned of the approximate date a first Official Action will be issued in this Application.

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